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Finding your way through the new municipalities

The reconfiguration of municipalities in the region will mean residents will have to become familiar with ways to access local services.

The most prominent change is that some existing municipal offices will be closed and those which are operated as satellite office will only be open on a part-time basis. For the delivery of most municipal services however, it is unlikely that residents will notice any major changes.

Minden Hills

The newly named municipality of Minden Hills, which will encompass the former municipalities of Anson, Hindon and Minden, Lutterworth and Snowdon will have most of its administration offices to the office in Minden. According to CAO and Clerk Treasurer Tammy McKelvey the municipal office in Snowdon Township will be closed and the

Lutterworth facility will be used to accommodate the Building inspector and planning department. Those services will be moved back to the Minden location once an addition has been constructed to the existing building.

Other than for building permits and the planning department, residents of the new municipality should contact the Minden office using the existing phone number, 286-1260. The Minden office will be the only location where taxes can be paid and questions about all other services should be directed to that location.

There is no change in the fire phone numbers. Individuals requiring the assistance of the fire department should use the phone numbers currently in use.

For the moment cross-over in dump use will not be permitted. Before the new municipality can ob-

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Council will continue to pursue CT deal

by Jerry Grozelle

The proposal to bring Canadian Tire to Minden may have suffered a setback, but it is not necessarily a dead deal.

Neither retiring Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon nor Reeve-elect of Minden Hills Ross Rigney have written off the possibility of Canadian Tire coming to Minden. The developer dealt the municipality a serious disappointment by withdrawing the offer to purchase the Minden Business Park because of its unsuitability of the location for the type of building that was proposed.

Anthon said AH&M officials contacted several government agencies, both provincial and federal, in an attempt to secure the funding necessary to stabilize the property to the standards necessary for the proposed Canadian Tire building.

"None led to any kind of resolution," Anthon said, adding that no government money appeared to be available for the project. She added that Haliburton County has applied for FedNor status, which would qualify the county for some economic development funding.

Anthon said council believed the project was going ahead until a letter was received from the developer's lawyer withdrawing the offer to purchase the property.

"We really felt until the last minute that it was going ahead," she said. "We thought we were only looking at a \$50,000 differential (in the cost of stabilizing the property for the project)." She added that AH&M council had not looked seriously at providing another site because of the belief that the project was going to go ahead on the Business Park site.

Anthon said she has briefed both Reeve-elect Ross Rigney and Deputy-Reeve-elect Jim McMahon on the evolution of the negotiations.

"I have a lot of faith that the new council will pursue it aggressively," she said.

Rigney confirmed that the new council of Minden Hills will be anxious to mount an ambitious campaign to bring Canadian Tire to Minden.

"They are the big company that could bring other companies in," he said. "It is most important for us to re-attract them."

Rigney said that Highway 35 is a "critical road with very heavy year-round traffic" and as such has the potential to bring some bigger businesses to Minden. Canadian Tire would not have shown any interest in the area if the demographics did not support a development or investment of that magnitude.

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A fond farewell

Anson, Hindon and Minden council members held a special session in the council chambers Thursday afternoon, December 14, to thank municipal staff and employees for their support.

"We have reached the end of an era — the final days of our municipality known as the Municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden," said Reeve Jeanne Anthon. "This municipal government possesses a reputation of excellence and that reputation can be attributed, in good part, to the contributions and accomplishments of our employees and staff. You keep our critical services operational regardless of weather, illness or other extraordinary demands. You ensure the government operates in a meaningful and supportive way. You have played a major role in the history of this municipality."

"Council wanted to commemorate your dedication and support of Anson, Hindon and Minden and to wish you all well with your new municipality of Minden Hills," Anthon said. "We have a small keepsake to present to you."

Each person was called up and presented with a barometer/hygrometer as a token of appreciation.



Courting CTC

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"We need to re-assess the situation and determine the requirements," he said.

He pointed out that there may be other developers who could fit into the scheme.

Christopher Serrie, Managing Partner of FAI Developments, said, "Our main obstacle was the high cost to cure the soil condition that exists there. In an effort to offset the cost we contacted all the elected officials from all parties and nobody was willing to help offset the cost. This was especially upsetting as the provincial and federal parties were spending millions of dollars on 'what if' scenarios for other towns and markets and here we had guaranteed jobs and investment and they weren't willing to support you at all."

"Your council tried very hard to make this happen and they should be commended for its efforts. I hope the new council will be as supportive."

Serrie hasn't given up on Minden either. He has expressed a willingness to develop the property if a suitable tenant shows an interest.

"I have offered to fund a new development in town should council be approached by a business that wishes to locate there. I still believe in the merits of investing in the market," he said.

Meet the new municipalities

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tain permission for that to take place, new certificates of approval from the Ministry of the Environment must be received. The dump access cards issued by the old municipalities will still be in force and will only be accepted at landfill sites within those municipalities.

The key positions in the new municipality will include: Tammy McKelvey, CAO/Clerk

Ernie Hills, Deputy Clerk; Mary Jane Irwin, Treasurer; Jo Ellen Ingram, Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer; Doug Brohm, Tax Clerk; Daisy Downs, Administrative Assistant; Jane Leavis, Receptionist/Receipting Clerk; Sherry Rea, Planning Administrator; Ernie Roylance, Chief Building Official; Dave Rogers, Law Enforcement Officer/Inspector; Paula Stamp, Secretary Receptionist - Building/By-Law Department; Clayton Cameron, Public Works Superintendent; Kevin Hill, Road Superintendent; Ray Miscio, Parks and Recreation Manager; Ivan Ingram, Public Works.

The inaugural meeting for the new council will be held on Friday, January 5 at 11 a.m.

Sherborne, Stanhope et al

The administrative centre for the newly amalgamated northern municipality will be the existing Stanhope office on North Shore Road. Clerk Treasurer and CAO Gerald Bain will be at that location. The municipality will also operate a satellite office from the Sherborne office in Dorset each Tuesday and Thursday. The Building inspector and one other staff member will be in attendance at the Dorset location to provide services to ratepayers.

According to Bain, the council has yet to determine what services will be available in the satellite office.

The phone number for all municipal services will be the existing Stanhope office number, 489-2342. Fire calls should be directed to the numbers currently in use in the existing municipalities.

There have been no plans for shared landfill site use, however, considering the shape of the new municipality, the

Pine springs dump is the only site where some cross-over may occur. The use will be determined by the new council and the MOE regulations.

The key staff at the township include: CAO/Clerk Gerald Bain; Deputy Treasurer and Tax Collector Sheila Griffin; Deputy Clerk, Planning, Angie Bird; Bylaw Enforcement and Building Official Jim Moore. The post of Public Works Superintendent has not been filled and so the status quo will continue until a decision is made.

The inaugural meeting of the new council will be held January 4 at 11 a.m. The first business meeting will be held January 5 at 9 a.m.

Highlands East

The new municipality in eastern Haliburton County, which includes the former municipalities of Glamorgan, Monmouth, Cardiff and Bicroft, will have its administration centre in the Monmouth office in Wilberforce. The offices in Gooderham and Bicroft will remain open for now while renovations are completed at the Wilberforce site. Reeve Keith Tallman expects the work to be done by February 1 at which time most municipal services will be moved to the Monmouth location. The library and post office in the Gooderham building will continue to operate.

The reeve said the phone numbers for fire emergencies will not be changed and that for the immediate future the fire departments will continue as they have in the past.

There will be no cross-over of dump services although the closing of the Glamorgan dump later this year will result in a transfer station being installed at that location and the garbage being taken to the Monmouth dump.

Key staff members in the Highlands East municipality include: CAO and Clerk Sharon Stoughton-Craig; deputy Glen Madill; tax collector Beryl Rutter; road superintendent Barry Dunford; chief building official Dale Shannick.

The inaugural meeting of the new council will be held on January 8 at 9 a.m.

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Wine Store owner takes on regulatory agency over licence dispute

by Matthew Sittler

Unfair treatment and unwarranted, imposed waiting periods are just some of the ingredients listed given for the closure of a downtown Minden business this Christmas season, say its owners. The Wine Store - a legitimate and professional business located on Minden's Main Street which had been in successful operation since November 1998, has, until last week, been shut down for the past month and a half.

Since November 8 - the date a visit from a Liquor Enforcement Section Inspector left Wine Store employee Tammy Howard in tears and fearful of incarceration, the Minden wine-making business has been ordered to cease all production because of conflicting developments regarding its licence as a brew-on-premises facility. In what has become for its owners an exhaustive and financially-degrading exercise in futility, the Wine Store, which should be in the midst of one of its busiest seasons, won't make a dime this Christmas or for the foreseeable future.

The cause of their frustrating lack of income and personal view that they have been treated with underhanded malice; the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario.

This sad tale of intimidation and bureaucracy-run-wild began innocently enough in February 2000. That's when, unbeknownst to the Wine Store's owners - Blake and Colleen O'Byrne, the Liquor Licence Act was amended and empowered to regulate the operation of brew-on-premise facilities. At the time, owners of these businesses were required to apply for a licence to operate. It is the understanding of the lawyer who is acting on behalf of the embattled wine-making service, that the Alcohol and Gaming Commission put together a package of material and documents which they forwarded to brew-on-premise facilities notifying them of changes to the Act. However, according to Minden Wine Store owner Blake O'Byrne, no such package ever reached him.

What has followed for this owner is a litany of agonizingly-long waits and dashed financial hopes which have ensured there will be no joy or cash for his business this yuletide.

As he has watched his store's future slide out of view, (these proceedings have pushed his family to the brink of financial ruin) the effects of O'Byrne's inability to allow his customers to get their pre-paid-for wine, has made many of them mad as hell. They too have felt the deleterious effects of the Gaming Commission's clamp-down on O'Byrne's business.

"We heard about it in a round about way," offers

O'Byrne of the Gaming Commission's new licence requirements. "We called them for the licence documentation - in which there were no deadlines mentioned." The Wine Store owner says he feels the Alcohol and Gaming Commission has a hidden agenda whose goal is to ensure the closure of brew-on-premise facilities. O'Byrne admits he was late getting the application in under the new regulations by 12 days - but that there are more than obvious rea-

and gone.

Further requests to the Commission made by Mrs. O'Byrne regarding details pertaining to the application were made during the summer by phone. As there was no reply, plus the fact that Mrs. O'Byrne fell ill during that time, it came as quite a shock when, during an October 10 phone call with a Commission representative, it was revealed to Mrs. O'Byrne that a deadline of September 30, 2000 had come and gone.

Quickly, the application supporting materials and the requisite money order was sent by courier to the Commission on October 12.

In early November, the Wine Store owners were sent a letter by the Commission specifying they needed additional information to support the application. The O'Byrnes say they complied with this and sent it off immediately.

On November 8, an Inspector Bauldry, from the Liquor Enforcement Section, visited The Wine Store's premises in Minden. The inspector completed a report in which it was stipulated that certain alterations were to be made to the layout of the store. Mr. O'Byrne complied with these specifications immediately.

It was during this visit that store employee Ms. Tammy Howard was reduced to tears - fearful she would be

taken away to jail because of an "extremely rude and arrogant" management of the situation by Inspector Bauldry, the lawyer's letter alleges. The Inspector demanded that the business cease that day. "Once he came in and said 'You cannot operate' we ceased to operate," says O'Byrne.

The Wine Store owners have telephoned the Alcohol and Gaming Commission almost daily since November 10, enquiring about the status of their application for licence. While they wait, a mortgage needs to be paid and with each passing day, the couple sustain further irreparable damage.

Mr. O'Byrne received a letter from the Commission around the beginning of the second week of November requesting information pertaining to his Provincial Sales Tax number. The information was provided immediately. In the meantime, O'Byrne says he soon became aware that Inspector Bauldry's report had not been filed, one and a half weeks after his visit. On November 14, O'Byrne left a message for the Inspector. It was not until November 23, that the Inspector re-visited the premises, spending, says O'Byrne, five minutes in the store.

As late as November 28, the Inspector's first report had still not been filed. "Either give us our licence or tell us we can't have it and we'll take further action," says Blake O'Byrne. "I feel its very malicious, what

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The Wine Store, Main Street, Minden: Re-opened last Friday.

sons for it. "As a result, we feel that the intention of the government should not be to close a business down," he adds. "If there are penalties, then let's deal with them, but don't put us out of business and that's effectively what they have done."

The distinction should be made between an operator of an existing business confronted with a change in licensing requirements compared with someone who is about to enter into the business at a time when the new licensing procedures and regulations are in place, comments O'Byrne's Lawyer Norman Ronski in an eight-page letter which was addressed to the Commission late last week. The O'Byrnes had been in business since November 1998.

The application for licence materials did not arrive (even after repeated requests from the O'Byrnes), until the middle of last summer. Nowhere within these documents, says the owner, are there deadlines specified for the application. In fact, there was information present in the material provided to them to the effect that applicants, who were operating prior to the day the regulations came into force, (February 2000), who submitted their application to the Commission within three months of that date, were permitted to operate until the Registrar issued the licence or a proposal was issued by the Registrar refusing the licence. Mr. O'Byrne says he did not receive the materials until well past this three month period had come



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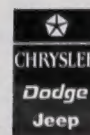
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Rising to the challenge

Editorials

The withdrawal of development plans for the Minden Business Park can be viewed as a devastating blow to the community. The development, the estimated 70 jobs that were part of the project and the additional economic growth that was sure to follow, would have provided a major boost to the area. We think, however, the setback can be seen in two perspectives. There are those who will say the decision will confirm what they have known all along, that it would never happen; that it was some kind of fantastic pipe-dream; and those who believed in the idea were sadly disillusioned. There are those who trumpet failure and who appear to enjoy wallowing in the negativity that such an announcement brings.

There is another side to this issue: one that sees the collapse of the agreement not as a failure, but as the start of a new challenge. Without apologies, that is where we stand.

First of all, those who pieced this

deal together deserve congratulations and our appreciation. They worked hard to create growth for the community. Anyone who interprets their actions otherwise is suggesting that the economic future of Minden should be allowed to stagnate and, quite frankly, we're not interested in that kind of thinking.

Secondly, it is worth noting that the development was derailed for a number of reasons, some related to land condition, others to the larger economy. But unchanged in all that is the fact that the Highway 35 through Minden is still the most desirable place for large scale economic development. That stretch of road has the highest traffic count in the county. It is the gateway to the region, and with the improvements currently under way, will provide the easiest access of any in the County. A corporate body the size of Canadian Tire makes decisions based on extensive and detailed market research. The information it gath-

ered which convinced it to locate a store in Minden hasn't changed. The research it gathered prompting it to pull together the development plan, still stands. It is simply a matter now of finding a location that fits, or, perhaps, some other corporation interested in the advantages Minden has to offer.

And that, is what this latest announcement means for the community. It is not the end of a dream, but the start of a new challenge, a challenge which a newly elected municipal council can now pursue with vigour and enthusiasm. A corporate entity like Canadian Tire has already made a commitment to our community. The fact that the development can not proceed at the moment does not eliminate the foundation on which it was built in the first place. So, while the latest news may be viewed as a setback, it is by no means the end of the road for major corporate development along the Highway 35 corridor.

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A Christmas poem

Hark! Hark! Who goes
there?
Tis! Ole Santa on the stairs
Bringing gifts for you and
me
To place beneath our Christ-
mas tree.

Quickly he empties his bag
with pride
And then he gently steps
outside
His trusty reindeer standing
by
To take him riding through
the sky

Soon the children shout
with glee
As they scramble 'neath
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Kowabunga Dude: look who's 12

I remember the first time I beheld a Matt Groening cartoon.

It was back in the late '70's, in an issue of Rolling Stone magazine. Groening was the (at the time) unknown artist behind a cartoon strip called Life In Hell, featuring two amateurishly drawn rabbits exchanging very clever bon mots. "Funny guy - too bad he can't draw" I remember thinking. Huh.

Matt Groening is the guy who later invented The Simpsons. So what do I know?

That memory came swimming back at me a while back as I read a newspaper story pointing out that the 250th episode of The Simpsons was about to go to air. Think about that. The Simpsons has been on TV for twelve years. Twelve years?

That's the age of a decent, single malt Scotch, for heaven's sake! Is it possible that we've been watching the adventures of dum dum Homer, ubercoiffed Marge, kidgenius Lisa and demonspawn Bart for twelve years? Afraid so.

And in that 12 years we have seen celebrities the likes of Elizabeth Taylor, Johnny Carson, Ringo Starr, and some

200 other household names line up to have their voices - and often their Groeningized caricatures - inserted in one episode or another of The Simpsons.

The thing that sets The Simpsons apart from other TV comedy series is that, after 12 years - it's still funny. Happy Days isn't. Reruns of MASH seem annoyingly chatty. Cheers is a tedious bore and the humour on All In The Family feels positively geriatric. And the current competition?

Get real.

Shows like Friends and Frasier can share the deep end of the pool with The Simpsons, but so-called comedy series like Will and Grace, Suddenly Susan and Third Rock From The Sun deserve to be relegated to...well, say the fourth rock from the sun, minimum.

Robert Thompson, who runs the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University, rates The Simpsons as not only world-class, but all-time classic. "Mentioning The Simpsons right next to Mark Twain does not bother me at all" he says. "There are more funny things in a

single act of a single episode of The Simpsons that there was in the entire run of Suddenly Susan." Amen.

Of course, enthusiasm for the ongoing adventures of the Simpson family is not universal. The show has its detractors.

Religious fundamentalists routinely excoriate The Simpsons for its unflattering portrayal of 'family values'.

Right wing nutbars see it as a threat to the Amurrikin way of life.

And Dan Quayle (Ned Flanders incarnate) was briefly famous for going on TV to condemn Homer, Bart and most of the mythical town of Springfield for everything they collectively stood for. The rest of the planet does not agree.

The Simpsons is a cultural icon and a television staple in no less than 70 countries around the world.

I am not a TV fan. Fred Allen called it 'chewing gum for the eyes' and I agree.

But The Simpsons? For me, that show redeems everything vile about the medium.

And Dan Quayle? If you're reading this.... Eat my shorts.

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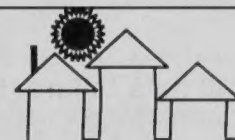
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Volunteers Dori Burke, left, and Thelda French package toys from the Minden Food and Toy Drive according to age and sex. The toys are destined for needy youngsters, aged up to 14, in the area.

County Warden reflects on 2000

In her final message to County Council for the millennium year, Warden Jeanne Anthon called it a "challenging and productive year." She said the challenges included assumption of the ambulance services and the transfer of Hyland Crest to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services. "Both are reaching settlement," she said.

She said the fine-tuning of other services were also highlights of the year. They include local policing service and the decreasing incidence of crime, as well as the increase in police presence around the county.

On the subject of social services, she said regarding the Ontario Works Program, the Association Of Municipalities of Ontario is warning that municipalities should be banking for increasing costs in that sector.

"Public health is a new service that will become more challenging as public demands for safe water and for septic inspection responsibility increases," she said.

The county has assumed 128 kilometres of highway from the province, adding to the county's expenses.

"Civic addressing and 9-1-1 has exceeded its target for the year and will, hopefully, continue its momentum towards this crucial service," she said.

The Emergency Plan is in place and had a trial run the day before the last meeting when the Emergency Services Manager Bob English called for a State of Emergency as a result of the snow storm that paralyzed the area. Anthon said the plan worked well and English will have some suggestions to fine-tune the system.

The new Official Plan has been submitted for Ministry of Municipal Affairs approval. "This has been a thorough and expeditious process involving the hard work of council, members of the Environment Committee and the public," she said. "We set a tough agenda and can be proud of our document."

Anthon cited the Tree Cutting By-Law as a model for the rest of the province, with its emphasis on education. "Haliburton County willingly accepted that responsibility," she added, noting that a tough decision as the county balanced the industrial needs with the necessity to conserve the forests through sustainable practices.

Anthon said there will be some special challenges for 2001, including waste management and computer centralization to name two.

With regard to waste management, she said the county is committed to move vigorously ahead in 2001 so the issue should remain a priority.

Regarding computer centralization, she said, "we have state-of-the-art hardware in our local government offices." She added that there is a need to provide equivalent in communications, either wireless or cable or a combination of all available technology.

Anthon commended the members of county council.

"The commitment and dedication of all of you at this county table to meet these demands on top of the arduous schedule around restructuring have been particularly impressive," she noted that nobody said they didn't have time to work on their prescribed tasks. Anthon singled out Dysart Reeve Murray for his volunteer work since Dysart did not have to go through the restructuring process. He volunteered to take an extra share of county duties, she pointed out.

"Staff has also had many extra responsibilities with the loss of our CAO, but took up the tasks with energy and diligence," Anthon said. "All of county council thanks you sincerely for a job well done."

In closing, Anthon said, "I am proud to have been associated with this county government. You demonstrate the best in leadership and local government, always striving for excellence. I wish you all success and contentment in your political life and a healthy and happy 2001."

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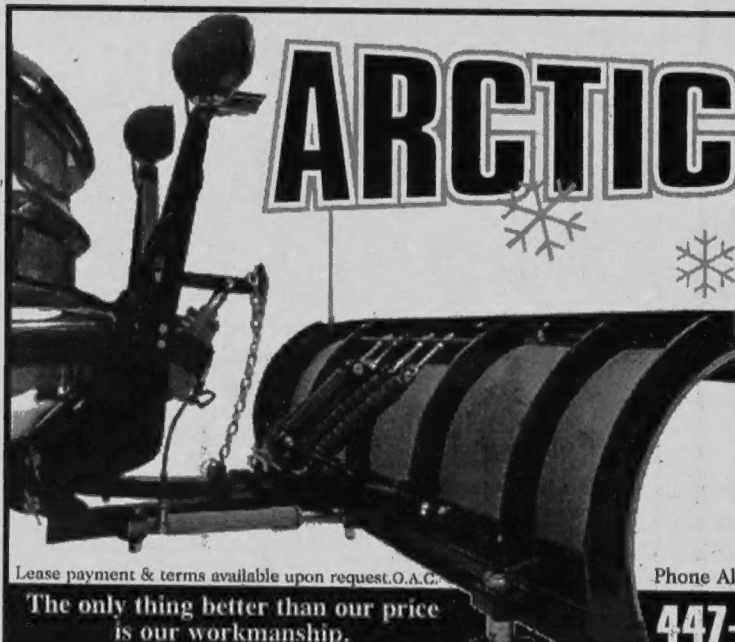
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Senior curlers wrap up first schedule

The first schedule has come to an end for the Minden Seniors' Curling Leagues. The top eight teams played off in bonspiels to decide the first schedule winners.

Monday Mixed League

First place in the Monday Mixed League went to the rink of Jack Taylor, Marilyn Burns, Bob McConnell and Judith McNeillage.

Second place went to Cheryl Murdoch, Hugh Hamilton, Andy Boivin and Hillary Brown.

The rink of Ross Davies, Flo Stanley, Leo Sepa and Jim Corbett finished third.

Wednesday Ladies' League

First place in the first schedule of the Wednesday Ladies' League was won by the rink of Libby Hurre, Ruby Wilkes, Judith McNeillage and Joan Mackenzie.

Second place went to the team of Marilyn Burrows, Pat Schonitz, Doris Ogley and Gail Kivela.

The team of Ursula Dymott, Gail Floor, Gail McConnell and Barb Braker finished third.

Thursday Men's League

First place in the Thursday Men's League was won by the team of Jack Taylor, Jim Burrows, Todd Grainger and Cliff Green.

Second place went to Ross Davies, Bob Wiltshire, Charley Hadley and Bruce Fisher.

The third place team of the first

schedule was Dave McKay, Peter Alexander, Morris Duff and Roger McDonald.

Friday Mixed League (first draw)

The winners of the Friday Mixed League's first draw were Jack Taylor, Joyce Wiltshire, Jim Corbett and Marion LaRocca.

Second place was won by John Warren, Stan Farrell, Ruth Orr and Ted Carson.

The team of Dave McAdam, Flo Stanley, Wayne Jones and Ruth Bishop finished in third place.

Friday Mixed League (second draw)

First place in the second draw of the Friday Mixed League went to Ebbie Bishop, Viola Walsh, Julie Graf and Bob McConnell.

The team of Bill Milford, Marilyn Burrows, Merv Everall and Elizabeth Wright placed second.

Third place went to the rink of Tony Dymott, Jean Hewitt, Ambrose Carroll and Muriel McIntosh.

Chicken winners from the Friday Mixed League were the team of Ralph Newton, Clara Warren, Walter Braker and Pat Scott and the rink of Ursula Dymott, Charlie Hadley, Gail Flook and Milt Fletcher.

The committee did a great job of organizing the first schedule. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. We'll see you in January.



TOP LADIES' TEAM: Skip Libby Hurre, vice Ruby Wilkes, second Judith McNeillage and lead Joan Mackenzie, left to right, were the first place winners of the Senior Wednesday Ladies' League.



TOP MEN'S TEAM: Skip Jack Taylor, vice Jim Burrows, second Todd Grainger and lead Cliff Green, left to right, finished first in the first schedule of the Thursday Senior Men's League.



FRIDAY SECOND DRAW: Winners of the Friday Seniors' Mixed League first draw were, left to right, second Jim Corbett, vice Joyce Wiltshire, skip Jack Taylor and lead Marion LaRocca.



FRIDAY FIRST DRAW: The top team of the Friday Seniors' League first draw were, left to right, skip Ebbie Bishop, vice Viola Walsh, second Julie Graf and lead Bob McConnell.

Haliburton High School teams compete in Peterborough Gore Challenge Bonspiel

CURLING - Peterborough Gore Challenge - School Boys School Girls
by Jennifer Minto, Student Intern

Students from HHSS travelled to Peterborough earlier this month to curl in the Schoolboys and Girls Competition, and came through with results that definitely pleased their coach, Traci Hubbert.

With only a small amount of practice before the competition, both teams were recognized for their teamwork and dedication in the games played.

The HHSS girl's team included Jennifer Minto as skip, Joann Varty vice, Sheena O'Connor second and Kate Foulds lead. With only one practice on the Tuesday before the tournament, the girls played hard and with determination.

The tournament included three games. The HHSS team lost the first by only one point to the B girl's foursome from I.E. Weldon. This game was so close that it came down to the final end, tied with the Weldon skip with last rock, taking out Minto's rock for one and giving them the 9-8 win.

In the second game, the girls went in knowing that they can work as a team, and gave their all. Playing only four ends of 10, they stole two in the first, five in the second and six in the third. This gave them a boost for the next game which was played the next day against the I.E. Weldon. The team had lost the day before and was hoping to regain the title. The HHSS girls found this somewhat intimidating, but they still told themselves that they were having a great time. This game was a tough one for the girls as they lost in six ends. In the spirit of the game, they congratulated the members of the Weldon team and wished them luck for their final against their rivals from LCVI.

There were two boys' teams entered the competition from HHSS. First skipped by Andre Nichol, with vice Owen Schell, second Charles Taylor, and lead Steven Smith. All four played hard to stay in the game but unfortunately they were put out after losing two in a row. Although they did not advance, Hubbert is sure that in future competitions, they will be major contenders.

The second entry was skipped by Trevor Cole, with Robert Ainsley as vice, Ryan Sisson second and Ryan Cole lead. After losing Jason Scott to University, the boys picked up newcomer to the high school Ryan Cole, Trevor's younger brother. With the practice three of the members get regularly at the Minden Curling Club, and Ainsley's quick transition into a new position, the boys were major competition for their first game against Crestwood. After a close game, the Crestwood boys emerged with a three-point

win, which only warmed up the HHSS boys.

Their second and third games were a breeze for the boys, winning both and advancing to the semi-finals where they faced LCVI.

It was a close game, with the LCVI skip just ahead of the game, as they won and advanced to the B finals, leaving Cole a shot short.

All of the players were happy with the teamwork and competitiveness that was shown with such little

practice time. They plan to practice diligently as the Kawartha Tournament is coming up in February, and they want to be better prepared. All team members expressed appreciation to Sandy Cole and the Ainsley's for their dedication to HHSS curling, as well as Traci Hubbert for being such a wonderful coach. The students look forward to the upcoming games they'll play and hope to grow together as teams.

Novice B Monarchs win two of seven

Minden 3, Omemee 1

The Minden Novice B Monarchs hockey team played a strong game against Omemee on November 11. Logan Brown was the first sniper for the Monarchs, assisted by Alex Treharne. Daniel Langpohl notched the second Minden marker, from Jordan Dick and Shayne Lund.

Omeme narrowed the gap to 2-1, putting one past Minden goalie Colton Dick late in the middle frame.

Joey Findeis scored his first goal of the season in the third period, giving Minden an insurance marker. Langpohl and Jordan Dick assisted.

Minden 3, Fenelon Falls 1

Fenelon Falls opened the scoring against the Monarchs on November 18, but that was Fenelon's only marker of the game.

Lund tied the score, assisted by Jordan Dick. Two goals in the second period clinched the win for the Minden team. Both were notched by Logan Brown, with assists going to Tanner Warburton, JJ Kerr, Alex Treharne and Dylan Reynolds.

Beaverton 4, Minden 2

Although the Monarchs drew first blood early in the opening frame, by Alex Lopez and assisted by Logan Brown, Beaverton rebounded for a 4-2 win. Jordan Dick notched Minden's second goal, from Daniel Langpohl and Dylan Reynolds.

Beaverton scored twice in the first period and one each in the second and third.

Haliburton 3, Minden 1

A three-goal second period was enough for Haliburton to earn a 3-1 win over the Monarchs on December 14.

Brown was the Minden sharpshooter, from Langpohl. Colton Dick played a strong game in the Minden net and Alex Lopez played well in the losing effort.

Beaverton 5, Minden 3

A game in Beaverton on December 16 saw the home team record a 5-3 win. Even though the Minden team came up with a good effort, it ended up being short of a win.

The Monarchs played a strong first period, with Jordan Dick scoring an unassisted marker and Alex Treharne adding one, from Logan Brown.

Brent Cuthbert was a one-man wrecking crew for Beaverton, scoring all five goals.

The Monarchs played a strong third period, with Treharne adding one to the Minden side of the scoreboard. Dylan Reynolds assisted.

Omeme 4, Minden 3

Traveling from Beaverton in the morning to Omeme for an afternoon game, the Monarchs came up on the short end of a 4-3 score.

The score remained scoreless until the second period, when Omeme got on the board.

Minden rebounded with goals by Langpohl and Lopez to take over the lead at 2-1. Assists went to Shayne Lund and Joey Findeis.

Omeme notched three in a row for a 4-2 advantage. Jordan Dick got one back for the Monarchs on an unassisted effort, but Omeme held on to preserve the 4-3 win.

Mariposa 4, Minden 2

The Monarchs tangled with some heavy hitters against Mariposa on December 17. Injuries to Logan Brown and Alex Treharne early in the game earned some penalties for Mariposa and set the pace of the game.

Mariposa got two goals past Colton Dick in the first. Daniel Langpohl replied for Minden, from Shayne Lund and Treharne.

Mariposa increased its lead to three goals with a pair in the second frame.

The final goal of the game resulted from good three-way passing by Langpohl, Lund and Warburton, with Tanner Warburton pulling the trigger.

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Skiers rejoice as trail conditions get better

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We tell our children that merely purchasing something or having it bought for you are hollow pleasures. There's more pleasure when something is earned. So it is with skiing. Volunteers create and maintain the trails with sweat and scarred knuckles, so the first truly good ski is an awesome thing.

Our club has access to more trail this year, due mainly to the efforts of our members. The Jim Beef trail will be in operation again this year. Thanks go to Mike Darlington for getting the permission to use it and Wes Lytle for freezing his behind next to the bulldozer.

Ralph Mintz, Ron Earle, Glen Scully, Jim Milne, Don Finigan, Gary and Pat Collins, Margaret and Peter Brogden have variously worked on culverts on the Jim Beef and Lakeview, shifting rocks and filling in around rocks on the Lakeview Trail. This group is responsible for refurbishing

the Lakeview Motel to Glebe Park route, which should be a really popular tour route this winter.

Also, Lee Blair kindly bulldozed a section of trail on his land near the PineStone, so we all owe him our thanks once again. He has been a great supporter of the club for over 25 years, and he is one of our kindest and most co-operative landowners.

Adult lessons are a hot topic among new members, and the club will present a free lesson on Saturday, December 30

to help members make the most of their winter. Meet at the Glebe Park club house at 10 a.m. This lesson is a great way to brush up on the basics or to acquire new skills, and we'll cover both classic and skating techniques in separate groups. Beginners are welcome, but you must be a club member.

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Nordic Notes

by Blake Paton

Novice Bs Consolation Champs

Minden's Novice B Monarchs were the Consolation Championship winners of a tournament in Cannington on November 25.

The Monarchs battled a strong Hamilton team in their first game and when it was over, Hamilton edged the Minden team by a narrow 2-1 margin.

Logan Brown was the lone Minden sniper, from Shayne Lund and Jordan Dick.

The loss put the Monarchs in the consolation round, where they met a Lindsay team. Minden showed no mercy, tripling the Lindsay squad 9-3 to advance to the consolation final.

Daniel Langpohl, Jordan Dick and Shayne Lund notched two goals apiece for the Monarchs, with singles going to Logan Brown, Alex Lopez and Tanner Warburton (with his first ever goal).

Jordan Dick picked up three assists. Lund, Alex Treharne, Langpohl and Lopez notched two helpers each and singles went to Joey Findeis and Dylan Reynolds.

Buoyed by the decisive win over Lindsay, the Monarchs tangled with Bobcaygeon for the consolation title. Minden skated to a 3-1 championship victory. Goal scorers for the final were unavailable.

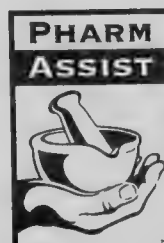
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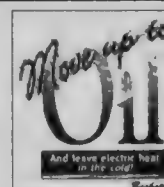
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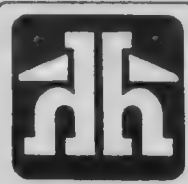
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Second curling schedule starts on January 8

By Sandy Cole

Things are all set for the J.O. Jackson Memorial Bonspiel, which is being held on Wednesday, December 27. Drop by and cheer on the guys in the last spiel of 2000.

The new schedule is set to start January 8. Call Sharon Kernohan at 286-2129 if you are interested in having fun and being part of a team. The club is set to host two OCA events this January. You can catch the Junior Mixed, Zone 5, playdowns on January 14, and the Ladies Trophy Competition, Zone 5, playdowns are on January 20 and 21.

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Tuesday Night Mens

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Thursday Night Mixed

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Trevor Cole 9, Rob Eaton 2

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Cheryl Murdoch 9, Keith Fountain 2

Pat Campbell over Gail Grainger - forfeit

Pat Woodcroft 9, Ross Davies 3

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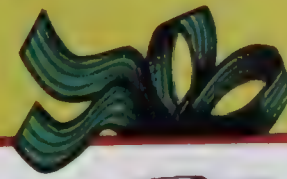
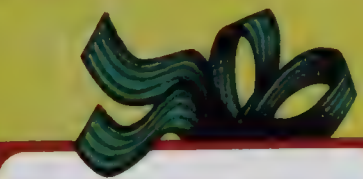
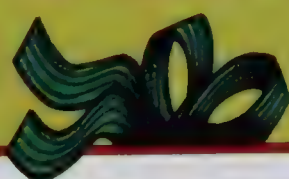
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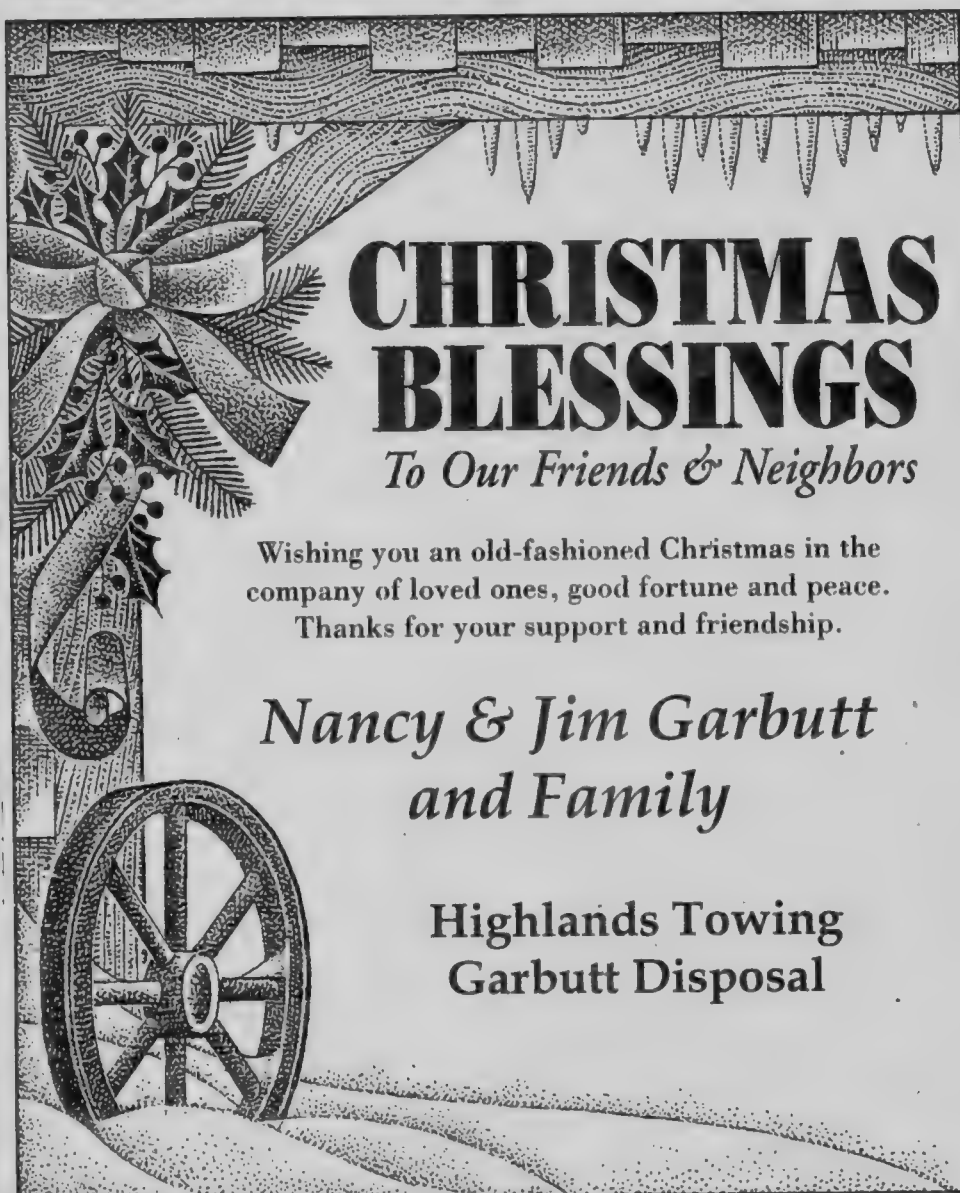


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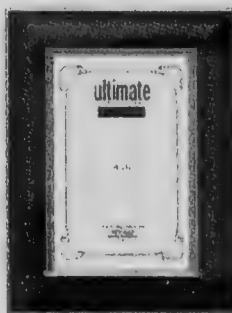
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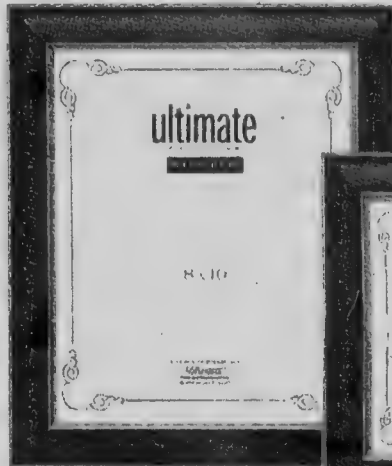
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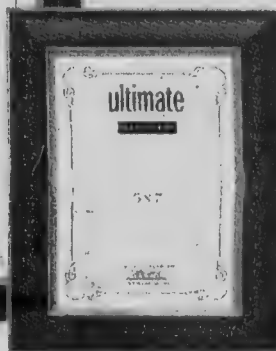
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Trustees and teachers have ratified the collective agreement reached between the school board and the Trillium Lakelands Elementary Teachers' Local.

Teachers voted on Monday, December 18; trustees held a special meeting to approve the deal Monday evening. The proposed agreement covers approximately 750 teachers.

"We're very pleased to have this agreement settled," says Judy Saunders, chair of the board. "It's a good deal for both sides, and because it's for two years, it will give the system some security and stability over an extended period."

Highlights of the agreement include:

- a two-year term, with the new agreement expiring on Aug. 31, 2002;
- a restructured salary grid that will see the maximum teacher salary rise from its current level to \$68,102 effective Sept. 1, 2000, and to \$70,650 by the end of the agreement;
- modest revisions to the group benefits program.

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Customers rally to support of The Wine Store

(from page 4)

they're doing." Advised that the application was "in process", O'Byrne waited. And waited. He is still waiting as of this writing.

On November 29, Ms. Howard was served with a summons by Inspector Bauldry. She was told in no uncertain terms that the business was closed indefinitely pending a review. The same day, Blake O'Byrne put a sign on the door advising his customers of what had transpired and provided them with a phone number so they might obtain further information from him.

Approximately \$14,000 worth of wine made by customers was in the store waiting for bottling. O'Byrne, not being able to satisfy his customers requests for their pre-paid wine, was going to have to refund them with his own life savings. The Wine Store had also taken approximately 150 orders for a special which was to commence November 9. The inability to fulfil his clients' orders will result in a loss of revenue in excess of \$10,500.

"We were going to cash in our RRSP's and whatever else," recounts the owner. "When money is taken in a business, its used for consumer expenses. Well, there wasn't \$14,000 in the bank, there was zero. The 150 orders we've taken - who knows if that will ever come to pass?"

On December 7, Tammy Howard was visited at home and served with another summons. The following day, Blake O'Byrne was served with two. Coincidentally, after the charges were laid, a letter from the Ministry of Finance demanding payment by Mr. O'Byrne of P.S.T. allegedly owed by him from a business he operated between 1990-91, arrived. No previous notice had been sent for literally years. Again, O'Byrne paid the amount immediately to comply with the letter.

Last week's letter sent by Mr. Ronski, O'Byrne's lawyer, emphasized that should the Gaming Commission not deal with this matter fairly and in an expeditious manner, O'Byrne has given instruction to put the Commission on notice that legal proceedings would be instituted to address his concerns and to recover any and all damages sustained by him. The lawyer's letter submitted that all charges laid pursuant to the Liquor Licence Act should be withdrawn as they are inappropriate and unnecessary.

A brief reprieve

Enter Patricia Lowery. The Boshkung Lake resident is not only a Wine Store patron, but a strong supporter of the O'Byrnes and a friend as well. She had an order in for wine while this was all taking place and took it upon herself to rally many of The Wine Store's customers together for an awareness campaign. They targeted MPP Chris Hodgson's office in an effort to let him know about what was going on. Many also called the Alcohol and Gaming Commission to let their supportive views for The Wine Store be known.

"Colleen O'Byrne filled me in with all the details of what had happened," commented Lowery. "I think they are getting a bum deal. Last Thursday, the ground swell started, so to speak, and I was on the phone all day contacting their customers." Every person she contacted Chris Hodgson's office and by Friday at 1 o'clock The Wine Store was open so that customers could take home the wine they had already paid for.

"These people (the O'Byrne's) were a few days late sending in the application for their permit," said Lowery. "So this change really reflects the power people have. I had some of the customers send in emails - the O'Byrnes still can't sell wine, but at least their previous orders can go home with their customers." Lowery says the O'Byrnes were being forced into bankruptcy. "Apparently there have been many businesses that have been closed," she adds. "I think that within a democracy this is pitiful. If I can help the O'Byrnes and if they indeed do go to court -- I

probably will get a coalition together and we'll go with them."

Colleen O'Byrne, Blake's wife, says that the civil charges facing The Wine Store are unwarranted and that she was appreciative of Lowery's efforts. Speaking to *The Times* on Monday, she said that the situation must be remedied - and soon. "This week, if we are not given a licence when we go to the Review Board, we will go to the papers and it will be more than *The Minden Times*."

She said she feels that the customers who called Hodgson's office certainly helped, but added that her lawyers no-nonsense letter was probably greatly responsible for The Wine Store's brief reprieve. "The fact of the matter is that we are going to sue the Ontario Government for what they've done to us if we are not given our licence this week and given a very good reason why. We are being set-up, that's exactly what is going on here." Colleen says the charges were first laid November eighth, and were then relaid November 29.

Tough about your luck

Spokesperson for the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, Ab Campion, disagreed with the inference that the Commission was persecuting Brew-On-Premises facilities. Campion said the fact of the matter is that the O'Byrne's should have been aware of the application for licence deadline. "This was widely publicized," he begins. "There were news releases sent out by the Government."

Was the information available on a website? "No there was no website," said Campion. When asked to produce the information release where the application deadline was specifically posted, Campion said he couldn't find it, but that the Alcohol and Gaming Commission had sent out packages dealing with the licence application process to all members of the Ontario Brew-On-Premise Organization, and businesses identified through the Ministry of Finance's Retail Tax Division and the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency. He also stated that the Commission had held 11 information seminars at various locations throughout the province, including Barrie, by the end of March 2000. The first deadline for applications for licence was June 30, he said, but that date was later changed to September 30 "because a few people had problems with the amount of time being given."

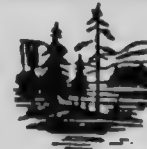
Regulatory team

"We regulate the industry," he continued. "There (more on page 17)



Pat Lowery: rallied support.

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Wine Store owner fighting back

(from page 16)

are 600 'U-brew' facilities in Ontario. Basically what was happening was there were a lot of complaints because they originally followed voluntary guidelines."

The spokesperson said that some of the brewers were saying that when customers went into a few of these facilities - the operators were doing all the work. "So basically, the businesses were manufacturers," he said. "And if they want to be a manufacturer, they can make an application and get a manufacturer's licence."

Campion said that prior to the new licence regulations there were also complaints from lots of U-Brew operators who felt that if they played by the voluntary rules, and the competition didn't, it wasn't a level playing field. "The Associations came to the government and asked it to bring in a regulatory regime which would force all people to operate under the same legislative guidelines," said Campion.

Given that, the spokesman was asked what chance the O'Byrnes have in being granted their licence. "Their application for licence will go to a review committee and they may very well put out a notice of proposal to review their application," he said, adding that it's either that, or, based on the information already provided to the Commission by the O'Byrnes, the Registrar may grant The Wine Store its licence.

It takes even more time

If the notice of proposal goes out, said Campion, the O'Byrnes will get notification of it and then they will have 15 days to get back to the Commission to say if they want a hearing or not. "The hearing would be held, and the board will take into consideration past conduct," he added. Campion was asked if the government can really justify closing a business for its, (arguably) most busy season - just because it was a few days late in returning the licence application. "The law is the law," he responded. "There was over a six-month period of time for people in the business to get their licence - all I can say is 'Ignorance of the law is not a reason not to take action against people who are operating a facility without a licence illegally.'"

So why the long wait? The O'Byrnes had their application for licence in by October 12. "They filed after September 30," said Campion. "They were already operating an illegal operation." But why is the Commission taking so long to make its decision? "What's happening now is that we are reviewing their application. If they had acted prior to September 30, they

wouldn't have found themselves within the situation they find themselves now."

If the O'Byrnes want a hearing, Campion says the Commission will even then have to fit that date within a time-period of availability with the Board's members. As for the O'Byrnes' complaint about Inspector Bauldry not filing his report for weeks after he wrote it, Campion said it was irrelevant. "What has that got to do... (with anything)? If your running an illegal facility..." Campion said the inspectors file their reports as soon as is possible for them to do so.

When are the O'Byrnes to be given their notice of proposal: Campion doesn't know. "There are 18,400 licenced establishments in Ontario that we regulate, 600 of these are U-Brew operations," he answered. "We operate on a first-come, first-serve basis and those who have all their information in on time, correctly, get processed sooner than someone who comes in later on down the line." Campion said most people who operate these types of establishments are members of the Brew-On-Premise Association of Ontario, and that he finds it surprising that someone who was in the business, wasn't a member of that organization or aware of the deadlines associated with the new licensing.

"All regulations (inclusive of deadlines) would have been printed in the Ontario Gazette, and there was a news release which would've probably got lots of publicity across Ontario," added Campion speaking of the publications which listed the deadline for sure. He concluded by saying that the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations put out the news release in question. How widely this information was distributed or whether a deadline was listed within it is not known at this time.

Intends to fight

"I think that they want to, through the rules and regulations, discourage these businesses which have exploded over the last five years," says Blake O'Byrne. "They want the tax dollars from their own sales at the Liquor Store."

Saying his business does not intend to go down without a fight, O'Byrne remains warily optimistic. "We are fighting this to the death," he concludes.

Blake O'Byrne states there is no reason his business should not receive its licence. "My lawyer feels it's very unwarranted and malicious what they are doing," he says. "We won't allow ourselves to be bullied."

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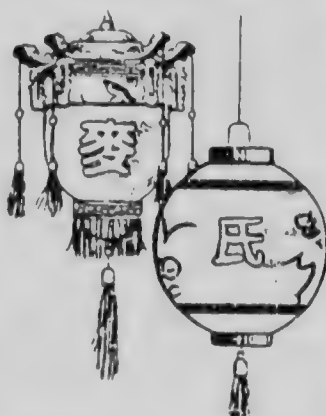
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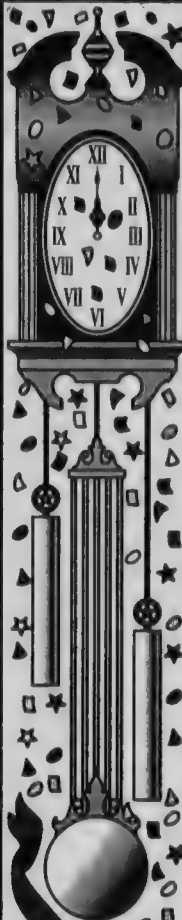
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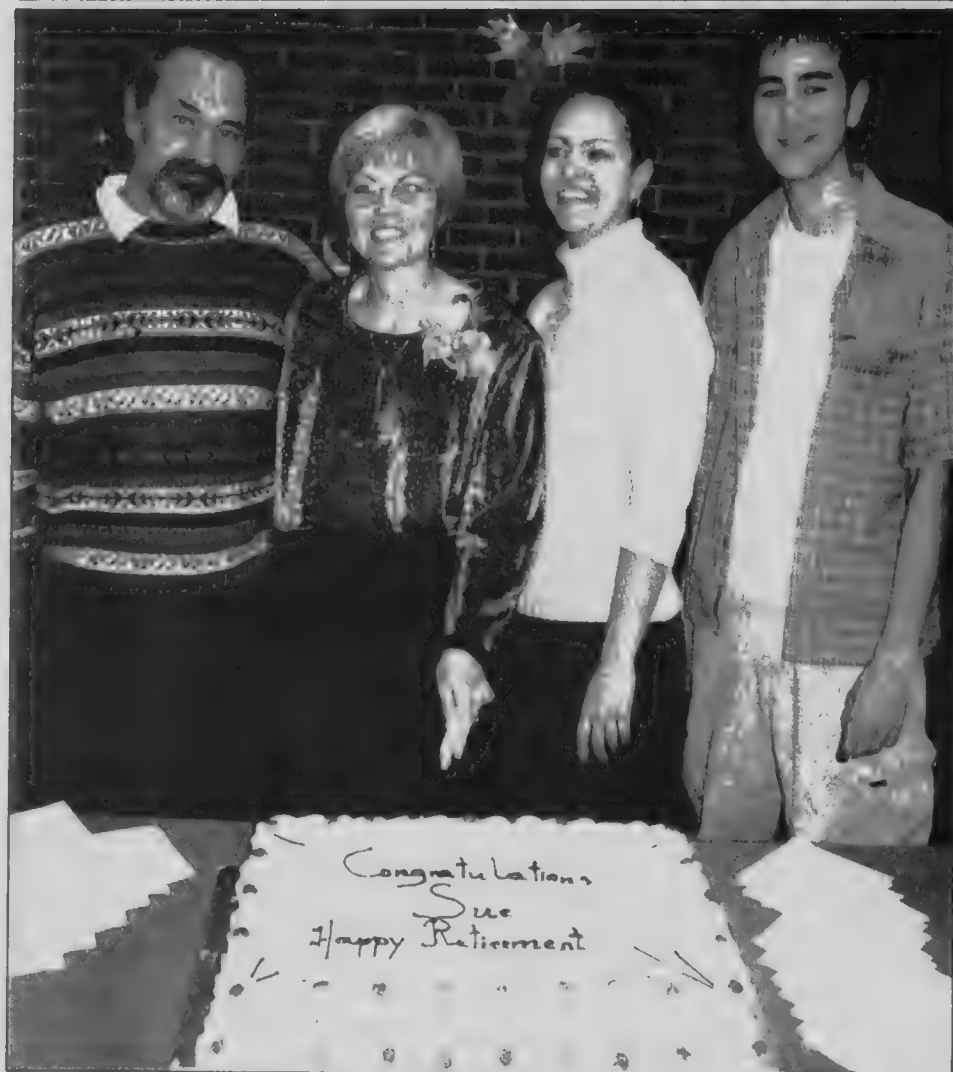
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Ontario STUDY COMMENCEMENT HIGHWAY 35 IMPROVEMENTS

THE STUDY

Triton Engineering Services Limited has been retained by the Ministry of Transportation to complete the Detail Design for Highway 35 from 8.1 kilometres north of the Victoria/Haliburton County boundary, northerly for 10.4 kilometres (G.W.P. 81-99-00).

Proposed improvements include:

- two new passing lanes and alignment improvements
- shoulder widening
- drainage improvement
- highway repaving
- frost heave repairs
- rock cuts widening and vegetation clearing within the right-of-way
- northbound left turn lanes at Gull Lake Road, Gull Lake Road #28, and the north and south entrances to Pine Ridge Road
- southbound left turn lane at Davis Lake Road

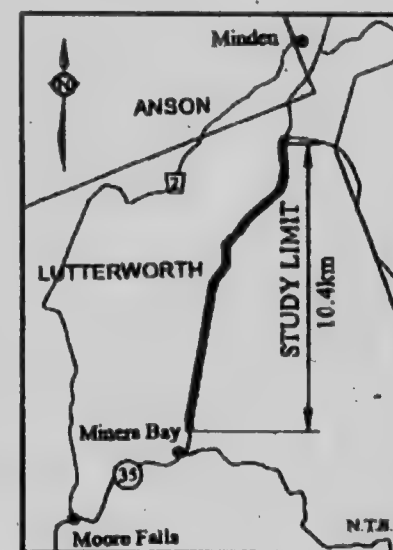
THE PROCESS

This study will follow an approved planning process for Group "B" projects under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities with the opportunity for public input throughout. Opportunity exists at any time during this study for persons to request an Individual Environmental Assessment. A Public Information Centre will be held during the study and a notice advising of its time and location will be published in local papers. Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be available for public review. Another notice will be published at that time.

We are interested in hearing any comments or concerns that you may have with the study. Please contact:

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I wished you all a wonderful Christmas in Monday's edition of *The Times*, not thinking there would be an edition coming out on Friday too, before Christmas. Serves me right for not keeping up with *The Times*. (!!!ha! ha!!).

On top of the Christmas rush I have been dealing with the need for a new computer, getting one, and dealing with the hassle of all that. My old one was not functioning. I couldn't connect to the internet. That was fixed and when I brought it home, the monitor wasn't working. Machines!! Therefore I have been without an email and the internet for weeks now and I will take awhile to get caught up with the backlog. Please accept my apologies if I haven't answered you or missed something for the column. D. J. at Systems Software & Support gave me a lot of help. She also had to deal with my lack of skills when it comes to mechanical things. She was very patient. I will be glad when it feels like things are back to normal. I've upgraded and my machine will be working oh so much faster and I shouldn't get as frustrated with it. Let's hope!!

Monday's edition of *The Times* was full of all our goings-on. Bad news about Canadian Tire. But it was good to read farther into the article that they are still interested in coming to Minden. I would think so!! This is a growing area. With the highway expansion and the number of people who live in the area, especially in the summer and the number of people who pass through. It is a great place for a store of that kind. With the progressive council taking office in the new year, with their know-how, with their contacts and experience, especially in Reeve Ross Rigney, things will be moving!! It's not over until it is over!!

That was the bad news, but the picture of the new sign for the new emergency services was definitely the good news. It appears the change-over happened very efficiently and the emergency staff were back in business in no time. The old Red Cross hospital looks so small and deserted now. It, and all the people who worked there, served our community well as they will continue to do in their new home, I am certain.

Did you happen to catch the item about the unveiling of the statue in Kinmount on Studio Two on TVO on Monday night? It was wonderful to see that community honoured in film as they honoured the Icelandic settlers who came there and suffered great hardship. I wrote here recently about taking my Icelandic friend to see the memorial about a month ago. She was moved by the experience. It is so important to know where we have come from. A big piece of the puzzle is missing if we don't know our roots and our heritage. I find it so

fascinating living here where the past seems almost visible in the present. It isn't hidden beneath large city centres or under large suburban housing developments where the past has been obliterated to make room for our rising populations. When we choose to live here I think in part we are choosing to live in a place where we can still see and feel what went before. We are like a bridge to visitors to our area. They can get in touch with their heritage in our community.

Christmas is part of that heritage. Getting together. Remembering Christmases past. Enjoying the present. Building new traditions. Some of us dealing with difficulties around Christmas; perhaps loneliness, sad memories, isolation, poverty, illness, fears of facing an unknown future. Christmas is all those things. Like life in our community; experiencing the mix of life.

My Christmas card carried the message this year;

Wishing you the spirit of Christmas which is Peace the gladness of Christmas which is Hope and the heart of Christmas which Love.

Then it is into 2001!! We survived the transition into the new millennium!!! Best wishes for the New Year!! I will see you in 2001!!!

SCORING NEWS

Thursday, December 14: Euchre at the Minden Legion: Most lone hands were won by Gala Stamp and Kevin Maloney. Vi Edgson and Tod Edgson took the high scores and Sharon Evans and Marie Dennie took the lows. Other prizes were won by Iris Taylor and Elva Paisley.

Friday, December 15: Duplicate bridge at Echo Hills: In first with 58% were Judy Neimann and Maria Lehoczy. In second with 55% were Mayme Douglas and Vera Carnochan. In third with 54% were Wynne and

Morris Hansen.

Saturday, December 16: Bid Euchre at Staunworth: In first was Pat Roussel with a score of 318 and in second was Gala Stamp with 269. Lottie Ruttan and Olive Jones found the hidden scores. Moonshots were won by Iris Taylor, Jean Scadden and Milton Fletcher had two.

Monday, December 18: Euchre at the Friendship Club, played at St. Paul's: Pat Bailey won lone hands. High scores went to Jesse Barlow and Iris Taylor. Lows went to Bill Mosley and Pearl Cowen. Katie Parker found the hidden score. The friendly group also celebrated Pearl Cowen's birthday. That was the last get-together for 2000!! Katie Parker thanks everyone for coming out to play cards every Monday afternoon. Besides the great fellowship it is a great help for St. Paul's.

Bid Euchre for Seniors at the Kinmount Legion. Dorothy McElwain was first, followed by Ruth Kellett in second. Ruth Kellett and Dorothy McElwain went on to win moonshots along with Jim Corbett and Mildred St. Thomas. Bill St. Thomas won the 50/50

draw. This group will be back playing cards on January 8, 2001!!

Cribbage at the Minden Legion: The two top players were Roy McDonald and Doug Robinson. Dean Chalmers won the draw.

Tuesday, December 19: Seniors Bid Euchre at the Minden Legion: Bess Cox was first, Kevin Maloney, second, Thelma Francis, third and Ellie Langpohl in fourth. Marg McAfee and Georgina Parkes found hidden scores. Bess Cox and Sharon Evans each won a moonshot.

Bridge at Stanhope: Finally we didn't have a storm on Tuesday and this group could get together. One slam was bid and made by Dorothy Strype and Ross Fletcher. The top score of 6140 went to Frank Schlotter; second, 5250, to Ross Fletcher; third, 4920 to Betty Roszell; and fourth, 4880 to Dorothy Strype. Ambrose Carroll won the Magic Number. These bridge players will resume playing on January 2, 2001!!

Any other scores for 2000 will have to be recorded in 2001!!! Have fun over the holidays. See you in the New Year!!!



HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS
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2000

"LIGHT THE TREES"



For the third year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees with lights sponsored by donations from the Community. So far this campaign has raised \$21,140.00. This year proceeds will go towards the building projects and equipment purchases for the Haliburton Hospital Site and Minden Hyland Crest Site. We would like to thank the following who have made a contribution to the 2000 "Light The Trees"

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late of the Village of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about September 4, 2000, must be filed with the undersigned personal representatives on or before the 31st day of January, 2001, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the Estate Trustee then shall have notice.

DATED at Lindsay this 15th day of December, 2000.

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CARDS OF THANKS

Sincere thanks to the "Good Samaritans" who were kind enough to stop on the morning of December 12 and help the senior make it through the deep snow at 50 Newcastle Street. Your help is deeply appreciated and I was able to keep my doctor's appointment in Toronto. Thank you again.
Mrs. Marg McAfee.

CARDS OF THANKS

BILL KULAS,

What a lovely gesture!

The lunch platter you sent to The Times Staff was very much appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed.

Thank you very much!

THANK YOU
THANK YOU

Marg Miller

You did it again!

Your butter tarts

were, as always,

Yummy!

Love from All at The Times.

A Sincere Thank You
To Mr. Dick Schell

who so kindly came to my assistance last week when the driveway was completely blocked with snow. I am almost 90 years old and suffer from Osteoporosis, so I was unable to clear even a pathway to get water or to allow a cab or even an ambulance to get in, had one been needed. I phoned several people to come to plough it out, but everyone was busy. When I phoned Mr. Schell, he took it upon himself to help me by bringing his own shovel and cleared a pathway to the road which was ploughed, a distance of about 100 feet or more, it was very hard work for him, I was very grateful to him. We need more kind, thoughtful people like Mr. Dick Schell, a true gentleman. Again, thank you,
Edith Smith,
Minden Pines Cottages
Orde St. Minden.

CARDS OF THANKS

A very big Thank You to all who enjoyed tea/coffee and conversation at Memories Etc. last week. The "Teas for Ryan Sisson" afternoons were well received. Those who couldn't spare the time to join us had the sweets delivered to them. Special thank you to those helping me make the event a success, Christine MacAusland, Mary Ottaway, Golden's Stationers, Lucy Gray, Pat Miller and deliverer extraordinaire Carla Stewart. Most importantly, Ryan Sisson...you gave us the reason. Thanks again to all participants.
Carol Miles, Memories Etc.,

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